

## THE OLD FIGHT AGAIN ON.

For the Second Time Two Connecticut Men Oppose Each Other.

In Connecticut the campaign this year is that of 1890 over again. The issues vary but little and the standard bearers are the same. Every one remembers that the election of 1890 resulted in a deadlock. The Democratic senate declared Judge Morris elected, the Republican house declared Lieutenant Governor Merwin elected, and Governor Morgan G. Bulkeley solved the problem by holding over for the two years. Now the people are invited to settle it as between the two old candidates.

General Samuel E. Merwin, of New Haven, the Republican candidate, is sixty-one years old and a native of Brookfield. He is engaged in general business to some extent, but his specialty is pork packing, in which he has been very successful. In 1888 he was elected Lieutenant governor, and his popularity was shown by the fact that he ran far ahead of his ticket, especially in his own town of New Haven, where he received some 1,100 more votes than Governor Bulkeley.

Judge Luzon B. Morris, Democratic candidate, was born in Newtown in 1827 and was graduated from Yale in 1850. In early life he worked on the farm and in an edge tool factory, fitting himself for college in the intervals of labor. He was admitted to the bar in 1856 and has held various offices, being at one time a member of the lower house of the legislature and at another of the senate. He also served six years as probate judge.

He was first nominated for governor in 1888, when, although he obtained 1,415 more votes than his Republican competitor, Bulkeley, he did not secure the office, as the legislature was Republican. In 1890 he was again made the Democratic candidate for governor, but neither he nor General Merwin, his Republican competitor in that year, secured the office, owing to the deadlock between the two branches of the legislature and its neglect to make a final canvass of the votes.

The Wanderings of a Shoe. An old, badly worn shoe passed through Madison, Wis., in the United States mail the other day. An old shoe with half of the sole worn off and holes in the uppers is a rather unusual thing to find in the mail, but this had traveled thousands of miles, and not one cent of postage had been paid on it. There are about 300 tags tied to the holes for the laces, and something like 150 of them have the stamps of different postoffices, together with inscriptions by different postal clerks.

The shoe went to Madison from Minneapolis, to Minneapolis from St. Paul, to St. Paul from Seattle, to Seattle from Portland, to Portland from San Francisco, to San Francisco from Honolulu, to Honolulu from San Francisco. It is hard to trace its course before that, but it has the stamps of any number of postoffices on it, among them being those at Oakland, Salt Lake City, Denver, Omaha and any number of cities in the east and some in the south.

Where it has gone from Madison is not positively known. The shoe was started from Boston by one of the postal clerks there—the first tag shows that—and there is a request that it be returned there. At St. Paul it was inscribed: "Too small for a big city. Pass it on to the village." Then it was sent to Minneapolis.

Climate of the British Empire. A summary of the climate of the British empire for 1891 has been compiled from reports prepared at sixteen selected stations. The highest shade temperature (108 degs., in January) was registered at Melbourne, and the lowest (34.5 degs., in February) at Winnipeg. The extreme maximum in the sun (165 degs.) and the lowest mean humidity (37 per cent) were recorded at Adelaide. To Ceylon belonged the highest mean temperature (80.7 degs.) and also the least range in the year, there being only a difference of 24.3 degs. between the maximum of the hottest day and the minimum of the coldest night. Malta has, as a rule, the smallest rainfall and the least cloud, but last year Adelaide had the smallest rainfall (14 inches) and Bombay the least cloud (3.6). The greatest rainfall (119 inches) occurred at Colombo, Ceylon.

How to Improve Bees. An American writer on bee culture advocates the crossing of ordinary bees with the giant bees of India, so as to obtain a race with a longer proboscis and perhaps of increased size. If this improved race were then crossed with the South American stingless bee, he believes a breed would be obtained having all the good points of the Italian bee, with lengthened proboscis and no sting. The same authority considers that the swarming instinct might be successfully bred out of bees if it were deemed desirable to destroy it.

Argentine Tobacco. It appears that the growth of tobacco in the Argentine Republic is wonderful and will soon become one of the staple articles of export. Increased attention is being paid not only to the quality of the tobacco grown, but also to the curing of the leaf.

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